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COMMUNIST PARTIES, THIRD WORLD GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND EDGAR
FAURE AND FRANCOIS MITTERAND. U.S. GETS VERY LITTLE ATTENTION.
TASS WASHINGTON REPORTS IN PRAVDA ON CARTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF
CABINET POSTS FOR KREPS, BERGLAND AND BELL. KZ HAS SHORT ITEM
ON GM RECALL OF 100,000 1977 MODEL YEAR CARS.

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2. OTHER COVERAGE:

-- SOVIET-IRISH COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED IN PRAVDA SYAS
IRISH FONMIN VISIT TOOK PLACE IN FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE AND IN
SPIRIT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. TREATMENT OF ISSUES ROUTINE.
FITZGERALD EXTENDED INVITATION TO GROMYKO TO VISIT IRELAND.

-- M.E. COVERAGE IS VIRTUALLY ABSENT FROM CENTRAL PRESS.

-- PRAVDA COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN BY V. KOROVIKOV
DESCRIBES GENEVA CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA AS A BLIND ALLEY,
A "CYNICAL POLITICAL GAME" TO GAIN TIME AND PRESERVE RACIST
REGIMES PLAYED BY RACISTS AND WESTERN DIPLOMATS.

-- CENTRAL PRESS NOTES THAT SMITH REGIME SECURITY FORCES
RECENTLY OPENED FIRE ON BOTSWANA TERRITORY WITH MACHINE GUNE
AND MORTARS.

-- KZ AND IZVESTIYA HAVE SHORT ARTICLE ON STATEMENT OF
ETHIOPIAN INFORMATION AGENCY ON SUCCESS IN ELIMINATING A
NUMBER OF TERRORIST BANDS IN COUNTRY.

-- PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA CARRY TASS MEXICO D.F. ARTICLE DESCRIBING
GRATITUDE EXPRESSED BY CP CHILE TO CPSU, SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND
SOVIET PEOPLE FOR HELP IN FREEING LUIS CORVALAN.

-- IZVESTIYA HAS TASS PANAMA ARTICLE NOTING UNSUCCESSFUL
CONCLUSION OF LATEST ROUND OF U.S.-PANAMA NEGOTIATIONS.

-- CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES SIMILAR ARTICLES ON CONCLUSION
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OF FOURTH CONGRESS OF CP VIETNAM. PRAVDA ACCOUNT EMPHASIZES
THEME OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM.

-- PRAVDA AND KZ HAVE TASS PEKING ARTICLE DESCRIBING
NEGATIVE CHINESE PRESS AND POSTER TREATMENT OF GROUP OF FOUR,
FORMER FONMIN CH'IAO, AND SOVIET UNION.

-- JZ PICKS UP WP STORY ON U.S. SUPPLY OF ELEVEN F5-E
AIRCRAFT TO PHILIPPINES.
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